



The DOI/ VISTA Team is seeking candidates to join a growing network of energetic professionals who are committed to national service and to fostering environmental stewardship by developing opportunities for underserved populations to play, learn, serve, and ultimately seek employment on public lands. The DOI/VISTA Team is committed to serving youth, especially at risk youth, by building early connections to public lands and the environment, and teaching job-skills and experience that will last a lifetime and prepare participants for future employment in conservation related fields.

The DOI/VISTA Team is an innovative partnership between the Department of the Interior (DOI), and VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America). Focusing on the systemic causes of poverty in underserved communities, VISTAs commit to one year of full-time service as they address specific issues that propel the cycle of poverty in the communities they serve.

DOI/VISTAs build the organizational capacity of organizations that utilize public lands to alleviate long-term systemic poverty in one of three focus areas: environmental stewardship, economic opportunity, or healthy futures. Serving Nationally, The DOI/VISTA Team places VISTAs with nonprofits that work on public lands and resources like National Parks and Wildlife Refuges to create and expand efforts to serve impoverished communities.

Roles & Responsibilities:

- VISTAs write grants, attend community meetings, conduct outreach and education, develop resources, fundraise, conduct research, develop strategic planning, build partnerships, etc.
- VISTAs commit to a full year of National Service with a single sponsoring organization
- VISTAs follow the professional expectations of their sponsoring organization & the requirements of the Corporation For National Service (CNCS)

Benefits:

- Monthly Living Stipend – Based on the cost of living in the community served.
- \$5,645 AmeriCorps Segal Education Award (Upon Completion of Service)
- Student Loan Forbearance during Service (Interest Paid by CNCS upon completion of service)
- Professional development; Focus Area Training; and hands-on experience
- Relocation expenses for members traveling over 50 miles to serve are covered by CNCS

Qualifications:

- Must be a US Citizen, National, or Lawful Permanent Resident.
- Must have received at least a Bachelor's Degree.
- Must submit to a Criminal Background Screening.
- Must demonstrate a commitment to community service.
- Must be willing to relocate to serve.

1. All DOI/VISTA applicants must complete an AmeriCorps application and submit it to the DOI/VISTA Team at the following link:
<https://my.americorps.gov/mp/listing/viewListing.do?id=54042&fromSearch=true>
2. Additionally applicants should send a one page resume, a 3-5 page nonfiction writing sample, and their regional interest to "doivista@coalcountryteam.org"